

KYIV CONNECTIONS



Prayer Letter of George & Sarah de Vuyst

Engaging People. Embracing Christ.

Our Mission

By God's grace and the Spirit's working we are facilitating the transformation of lives, families, churches and communities in Ukraine and around the world.

Three key ministries are our tools to fulfill this mission.

Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations is a practical workshop that takes people through the process of healing and reconciliation. We are actively leading these workshops with partner churches in eastern Ukraine. The International School of Reconciliation and the Eurasian School of Reconciliation are international venues in which we, together with our partners, train others to develop and lead healing and reconciliation ministries in their own contexts.

Timothy Leadership Training Institute equips church leaders to develop healthy congregations and effectively train their own leaders.

In addition to these ministries we are helping facilitate the introduction of **Educational Care** and **Global Coffee Break** to Ukraine and the Russian

Year 2021 in Review

God has once again amazed us with his provision, guidance, and reconciliation. God has used **you**, through prayer, financial gifts, and even household items, to sustain and use us as he works around the world. Here is just a brief summary of the past year.

HHTN Website

George worked with a team to launch a new website to explain and connect users of the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations ministry. Take a look at **[HHTNGLOBAL.ORG](https://hhtnglobal.org)** for a schedule of upcoming events, hear powerful testimonies, and watch demonstrations of the methodology.

TLT for Poltava Seminary

Once again, George led students at the Poltava Theological Seminary in Ukraine through a pastoral care course in Timothy Leadership Training.

Spring Retreat for Ukraine Team



God has raised up a leadership team for carrying on the reconciliation ministry in Ukraine. In May, George met in person with this team of eight to plan for the year. They are planning the next reconciliation event for March right on the front lines.

Webinars

Continuing from the year before, George and the International Leadership team of Healing Hearts Transforming Nations led three webinars to acquaint North Americans with the global reconciliation ministry. About 50 people participated.

Arrival in USA

In June, we arrived in the States for a 50-50 split between Re-Connect with partner churches and field ministry in reconciliation. Silver Spring CRC and others provided all the household items we needed to live in the States since our own belongings are in storage in Ukraine.

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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- Evidence of God healing and reconciling people through HHTN events
- Courageous leaders from East Africa who are bringing the message of healing and reconciliation at the cross to some of the most difficult places on earth
- Protection in a car accident that totaled our minivan

Pray for:

- **Peace and avoidance of increased war between Ukraine and Russia**
- Long-term planning of reconciliation ministry in North America
- The continuing development of HHTN Global
- Continued healing of George's leg from the accident
- Deeper friendships for Matthew and Elizabeth and a sense of belonging at their high school

Re-Connect with Partner Churches

Visiting partnering churching is so encouraging and uplifting! It is a joy to share in person what God is doing in Ukraine and around the world. We visited 9 churches this fall and look forward to visiting 8 churches this spring. See our [website](http://www.devuysts.com) (www.devuysts.com) for the schedule.

Leadership Retreat in Kenya

In December, George met with reconciliation ministry leaders from across East Africa. These leaders serve in very



challenging places including active conflict. The retreat offered a safe place for them to be refreshed and encouraged. George also participated in leading a reconciliation event in Kenya with local Resonate and World Renew leaders.

Out with a Bang

Our year ended with a car accident in which we were hit by a pickup truck. Our minivan and airbags did what they were



designed to do in protecting us from serious injury, but the car was totaled. George struggled with an injury to his leg which has started to improve. Despite the accident, we were still able to travel in a rental car to Maryland and Virginia to celebrate Christmas with family. It had been nine years since we last celebrated with extended family!

We look forward to being part of what God will do in 2022!

Change of Dates

Due to COVID-19 and the inability of our international team and some participants to travel, the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations events planned for the USA in January have been postponed to April and May. Places are available if you are interested in attending. Email us at gdevuyst@crcna.org.